

Homeschool Helper

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Special points of interest:

- Mid-Year Boost Meeting Friday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m.
- Used Curriculum/ Share Fair April 7.
- Check out Home School Legal Defense's web site at www.hslda.org for lots of good information.
- Husbands, find 20 practical ways to help your wives! (see page 7)

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A Note from Jim & Lonny

Homeschooling is but one part in our obedience to the Lord.

As we seek to challenge one another to grow in Christ and to mature in our Christian lives, here are a few Scripture verses and related "trigger points" that may be helpful to consider in seeking to deepen your walk with the Lord and grow and mature in Him:

1. **Salvation** have you yet trusted Christ for salvation? (John 14:6, Acts

4:12, Romans 6:23, Col. 1:12-22)

2. Is your life daily reflecting the new life in Christ? (Col. 3:1-10)

3. Daily love **relationship** with the Lord? (Luke 10:38-42)

4. **Concern** for others' salvation/ **praying** for unsaved?

5. **Student** of the Word of God? (2 Tim. 2:15, 3:15-17) (Able to accept "meat" of Word or simply "milk"?)

Daily reading and meditating on God's Word?

6. **Spirit-filled** as a daily way of life? (Eph. 5:18)

7. **Husbands** love your wife as Eph. 5:22-23 indicates? Ac-

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Mid-Year Boost Meeting FRIDAY

We hope to see you on **Friday, January 13** for our homeschool mid-year "boost" meeting. This will be held at the Bible Baptist Church in Ishpeming at 7:00 p.m. Come with your ques-

tions, concerns, words of encouragement... Enjoy the fellowship of other homeschoolers. Please bring a snack to share. **As at any regular meeting, you can**

bring curriculum to sell as well. Any questions? Call Lonny at (906) 486-4536.



Keep our mailing list up-to-date

Ruth Hill regularly re-directs HLSDA weekly updates and other pertinent local home-schooling information to UMCHE home-schoolers who want to participate. If you are not already on this email list and you would like to be added, please send your email address to [\[charter.net\]\(mailto:charter.net\). We will delete your address if the email is returned, so if you haven't been hearing from us about once a week, this may have happened to you! Please notify us of any email changes as well. If you would not like to continue to be on either the email list or the regular mailing list,](mailto:ruthehill@</p>
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Is your address up-to-date in our mailing list?



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- tive in showing your care and love for her? (Col. 3:20)
8. Husbands: *leading* your family spiritually and *modeling* Godliness to your family?
9. Fathers: are you *discipling* and *disciplining* your children? *Nurturing* them in Godliness? (Eph. 6:4)
10. Wives: A *Godly woman/helpmeet*? (Prov. 31, Col. 3:18)
11. Children: *Honoring/obeying* parents?
12. *Work*: Diligent, honest, as *unto the Lord*? (Col. 3:22-24)
13. *Neighborhood*: Is your home a "lighthouse" of *witness*?
14. *Ministry*: Serving the Lord with *spiritual* gifts, talents, "equipment" He has given? (Romans 12)
15. Ministry: *Seeking* ways to *minister* to others?
16. Encouraging, supporting, *edifying* others? (Eph. 4)
17. Local church: *Active*, faithful, diligent, present...? (Eph. 4:1-13, Hebrews 10:19-25)
18. *Growing/maturing* in Christ; seeking opportunities to grow? (Titus 2:11-15; 1 Thess. 2:13)
19. *Rejoicing* thankful, exhibiting the *joy* of the Lord? (Eph. 5:18-21)
20. Daily putting on the *armor* of God? (Eph. 6:10-18)

Serving Him together,

Jim & Lonny

Used Curriculum/Share Fair April 7

Our annual used curriculum and share fair is scheduled for Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bible Baptist Church in Ishpeming. **You can sell used curriculum at any regular meeting;**

however this meeting is especially designed for selling curriculum.

The “Share Fair” aspect of this meeting is like a science and Fine Arts fair, an opportunity for your students to display their art

work or science projects or recite a poem, Scripture passage, or play an instrument or sing—these are just some examples.

If you have any questions about this event, call Lonny at 486-4536.



Dome Days

Dome Days at the Superior Dome in Marquette are one of our best-attended and favorite activities! The dome monitors have noted a few problems in the past, so we have a few new rules. Please comply, because we would hate to lose this fun activity!

Rules:

1. Parents, keep children from running and actively playing in the bleachers. The bleachers are for quiet sitting only.

2. Tennis shoes (with NO black soles that mark up the floor) are required. No bare or stocking feet.

3. No scooters of any kind are allowed. Big wheels for the little ones (with plastic wheels) are acceptable.

4. Balls and jump ropes are welcome—some equipment is provided.

5. Parents must accompany their children—

no drop-offs are allowed.

The time is 9:30 a.m.-noon. Here are the remaining dates:

Wed., Feb. 1

Wed., March 1

COMING SOON:

There is a possibility that the Y at Sawyer will be opening up their facilities for homeschoolers on one Friday a month, similar to Dome Days. Details will be available at the Jan. 13 meeting.

“Dome Days at the Superior Dome in Marquette are one of our best-attended and favorite activities!” These may be extended soon to Sawyer!

Harbor Day Play Dates

Join fellow homeschoolers down at the Lower Harbor/Mattson Park in Marquette on the **third** Wednesday of the month, resuming in April and continuing through the summer. This is a great time for networking and

welcoming new homeschoolers. Come, meet new people, lend and receive encouragement, and give your kids a chance to expend some energy! Plan to meet at 10:00 a.m. and bring a sack lunch if you'd like.

Teens, bring bikes to ride the bike trails!

For more information, contact Lynne Ivey at 228-9808 or email lynneiv@aol.com.





Fun Funds at GFS

You can make your shopping dollars stretch a little further at Gordon Food Service in Marquette. GFS will contribute a percentage

of purchases from U.P. homeschoolers and their supporters when they sign up for the Fun Funds Program at GFS, mentioning Up-

per Michigan homeschools. This program has helped to keep us going financially.

Invitation to School

From Vicki Holworth, Superintendent/Principal of Republic-Michigamme: "On behalf of the **Republic-Michigamme School**, I would like to extend a sincere invitation to all home schooled kids to attend our school for portions of a day for special classes such as

music, band, physical education, computers, or higher level math or science classes. I am very proud of our students and staff and know that they will share my enthusiasm to welcome you to our midst. We have had some changes in administration re-

cently...We have an elementary staff that is second to none and a dynamic secondary staff as well. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. We really hope to work amiably with our home schooled students in the area."

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Books for Sale

8th Grade A Beka:

Pre-Algebra Teacher Key
Test & Quiz Key

Grammar & Comp II
Teacher Key
Test & Quiz Key
Of Places Literature

Let's Be Healthy Student Bk.
Let's Be... Answer Key
Student Reviews & Tests
Teacher Key

Matter in Motion Stu. Bk.
Matter in M.. Answer Key
Activity and Review Book
Teacher Key
Test and Quiz Book
Teacher Key

America, Land I Love
Answer Key

Teacher Test Key
Teacher Quiz Key
Geography Studies and Pro-
jects Western Hemisphere
Teacher Key

(All of the above purchased
new in 2004 and in excellent
condition.)

7th Grade A Beka:

Of People Teacher Guide
Grammar & Comp. Teacher
Key

Science Order and Reality
Test/Study Book Teacher
Key

Science O & R Quiz Book
Teacher Key

(All from 2003 school year.)

Oral Language Exercises A
Beka 1982 edition. Excellent
condition.

Anyone interested, just
make an offer, on any
or all. I'm willing to
mail books up as well.

Paulette Polzien, New-
berry. 906-293-3705



Michigan Home Education Convention

Mark your calendars for the 23rd Annual Michigan Home Education Convention in Lansing. The convention will be held May 5 & 6, 2006 at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. The keynote speaker will be James McDonald, who

will be joined by his wife Stacy. James, home-schooling father of 10, is a pastor, conference speaker, author, and publisher of the *Homeschooling Today* and *Family Reformation* magazines. Look for details of speaking top-

ics by both James and Stacy, plus additional workshops, list of exhibitors, and more on the INCH website www.INCH.org.

There will be no U.P. conference this spring.

Michigan Iron Industry Museum

Here is the Future Historians Schedule for the rest of the school year. Note: All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Michigan Iron Industry Museum, 73 Forge Rd., Negaunee Township, unless otherwise noted.

January 24—“Upper Peninsula Mining Towns: A Documentary” Sonya Chrisman, award-winning producer from WNMU TV-13 will present a behind-the-scenes look at research and production

of her latest documentary.

February 21—“So Cold a Sky... Uncovering Upper Peninsula Weather History” Karl Bohnak, Chief Meteorologist, WLUC-TV6, will present a rare glimpse of how 19th century pioneers coped with a harsh climate and also some U.P. snowy history.

March 28—“The Search for Early Man in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula” Jim Paquette, author and vocational archaeologist, Negaunee will share evi-

dence of prehistoric Native American sites in the central U.P.

April 25—“Banjos and the Hammer Dulcimer: Homegrown Strings” Musical workshop performance by Homegrown Strings, who will perform Civil War era music and describe their instruments.

(Summer Role Playing registration will take place at the April 25 meeting)

Homegrown Strings will be presenting at the Michigan Iron Industry Museum April 25.

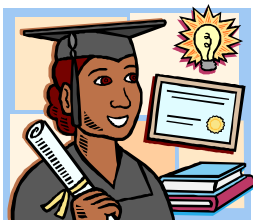
Music Lessons

PIANO—Dennis Cowan of Marquette is taking students. Lynne Ivey and her boys liked him a lot. Beth Hill also studied with Dennis and would recom-

mend him. The Weir family has taken lessons from him if you would like a referral. His number is 228-2802.

HARP/VIOLIN—Joanna Szymanski teaches harp and violin lessons. For more information, call (906) 249-3757.





*“The Army...
wants home school
graduates.”*



Army Welcomes Home School Graduates

*Taken from the INCH newsletter
Information Network News.*

Ever since HSLDA drafted and convinced Congress to pass a five year pilot project in 1998 to place all homeschoolers in Tier I category of military enlistment, homeschoolers have proven themselves with faithful service in the Armed Services. The Army has especially taken note and wants home school graduates.

A recent Defense Department survey conducted in 1994 analyzed the home school enlistees attrition rates and performance in the military. Homeschool graduates serving in the Army showed good results.

For example, home schoolers enlisting in the Army have consistently scored, on the average, as high as traditional public school graduates on the Armed Forces Qualification Test (AFQT). For the first 12 months, their attrition rate was as low as public school graduates. Legal Waivers for drug and alcohol offenses committed prior to enlistment were 0%. And only 1.8 of all homeschool Army Recruits who left the Army received Less than Honorable Discharges.

After working with the

Army the last 6 years on homeschool recruitment issues, Chris Klicka, HSLDA Senior Counsel was told that the Army has started a new push to obtain home school graduates. In spite of the ending of the 5 year pilot project in October 2004 that placed homeschoolers officially back in Tier II, the Army has chosen to open the door wide for home school graduates and not apply any Tier categories to qualifying home school graduates. That means they have all the same benefits and positions that are available to traditional high school graduates....

Under current Army policy, applicants who qualify as a home school graduate will now be eligible for the same enlistment incentives as a traditional high school graduate.

This is part of a special test program the Army is developing to predict first-term attrition among Army enlistees...

Home school graduates seeking to enlist in the military need to meet the following criteria:

1. A home school diploma and transcripts are required at the time of enlistment. The course work

must involve parental supervision and the transcript must reflect the normal credit hours per subject used in traditional high school.

2. Must score 31 or above on the AS-VAB.
3. Must take the Assessment of Individual Motivation (AIM) test, which is 20-minute pencil and paper test. The AIM test score will be used to obtain data and will not affect his/her enlistment.
4. At a minimum the last academic year (9 months) must be completed in a home school environment.

For more information on this new pilot program, home school parents and students should contact the local Army recruiter. If any home school graduates have problems with the recruitment process, they should immediately call HSLDA and our legal staff will assist member families.

We are thankful for the Army's open door policy for all home school graduates who want to serve their country in this capacity.

20 Practical Ways You Can Help Your Wife

1. Run errands.
2. Go to the grocery store.
3. Do laundry.
4. Dust.
5. Clean tubs and showers.
6. Give baths.
7. Wash dishes.
8. Replace burned-out light bulbs.
9. Balance the checkbook.
10. Make sure her car is gassed up.
11. Answer the phone.
12. Get up in the middle of the night to meet the needs of a child.
13. Pay bills.
14. Pick up the kids and the dry cleaning.
15. Take the responsibility for any problems (car, utilities, repairs).
16. Do the banking.
17. Straighten up the house at the end of the day.
18. Get breakfast for the kids.
19. Empty the dishwasher.
20. Read to the kids.



Art Classes

Fine Art classes for home schooled students will be offered in Marquette and Sawyer.

Bobbe Almer, an award winning artist with over 30 years of art experience, works in all of the major mediums and especially enjoys working with young artists.

Classes will be offered at Michael's Arts and Crafts in Marquette and a new location coming in February—West Branch Community Center at Sawyer ("The W"). As part of the curriculum, students will learn about artists, art materials, art terms, art techniques, composition, perspective, and the application of the medium. Bobbe introduces the stu-

dent to a well-rounded view of the medium in addition to teaching the student how to use the medium to produce art. Every student receives individual attention and direction.

Group classes are exclusively for home schooled students and are open to students in grades 4-12. (Minimum class size is 2 at Michael's and 4 at The W. Maximum class size is 8.)

Classes offered **TUESDAYS at Michael's:**

Drawing/Sketching (3 classes-9 hrs. for \$30
10:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Jan. 10, 17, 24

Pastel (5 classes-\$50)
9:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

Watercolor (5 classes-\$50)
1:00p.m.-3:00p.m. Jan. 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28

THURSDAYS at West Branch Community Center:

Watercolor (5 classes-\$50)
9:30a.m.-12:00p.m. Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2

Registration and payment is expected in advance at the respective location.

Bobbe is also available for private lessons or tutoring. For more information, contact Bobbe at troutlilylane@yahoo.com. Please put the words "home school" or "art tutor" in the subject line. Or contact Bobbe by cell phone at (231) 631-9531.

Husbands can help wives by doing simple things like emptying the dishwasher!



Home School Portraits

Independent photographer Cory's Images offers a chance to get your children's photos done professionally and at affordable prices. "Children grow so fast, I can capture your child or chil-

dren's personality." Call for your child's appointment Jan. 16-30th. Package #1: 1-8x10, 2-5x7's, 16 wallets \$24.95. Package #2: 1-8x10, 2-5x7's, 4-4x5's, 8 wallets, and button \$28.50.

Package #3: 2-5x7's, 8 wallets, button \$13.50. Other packages available. Call 906-249-1675 or email Corys-imges@sbcglobal.net.

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Calendar

Friday, January 137:00 PM..... "Mid-Year-Boost" meeting
Wednesday, February 19:30 AM..... Dome Day
Wednesday, March 19:30 AM..... Dome Day
Wednesday, April 5.....10:00 AM..... Children's Museum
Friday, April 7.....7:00 PM..... Used Curriculum/Share Fair
Wednesday, April 19.....10:00 AM..... Harbor Day
Wednesday, May 3.....10:00 AM..... Children's Museum
Friday-Saturday, May 5-6.....23rd Annual Michigan Home Ed. Convention
Wednesday, May 17.....10:00AM..... Harbor Day
Friday, May 266:00 PM..... Annual Picnic at Al Quaal
Wednesday, June 21.....10:00 AM..... Harbor Day
Wednesday, July 19.....10:00 AM..... Harbor Day
Wednesday, August 1610:00 AM..... Harbor Day
Friday, August 18.....7:00 PM..... Regular "kick-off" meeting

- ◆ For more information on any of these events check out our newsletter.
- ◆ **PLEASE** transfer these dates to your family calendar and plan to attend as many meetings and activities as possible. We don't always send reminders!
- ◆ All meetings are held at the Bible Baptist Church in Ishpeming.
- ◆ Nursing babies are welcome, but please get a sitter for other children at the January 13 and August 18 meetings.
- ◆ Please bring a snack to share at these two meetings and the Used Curriculum/Share Fair.
- ◆ Questions?? Call Jim or Lonny Janofski at 906-486-4536 or email Janofski@up.net.